

The Division of Real Estate Management Services (DRES) manages the Commonwealth's real estate portfolio and assists state agencies with transactional and strategic planning services helping customers to meet their real estate needs.

Meet the Staff

Holly Law Eve **Director**

Holly Law Eve is currently the Director with DGS-Division of Real Estate Services and has been with the Division since August 2008.

Prior to that, she was the Real Property Manager for the Department of Game & Inland Fisheries, served as adjunct faculty at VCU and worked for over 20 years in the corporate & commercial real estate finance industry. Her experience includes: corporate property management; commercial/construction loan origination, administration and servicing; lease and site acquisition negotiation; recovery management and liquidation of non-performing loans and real estate owned assets.

Holly received her B.S. in Business Management and Finance with a minor in Community Health from Virginia Tech and her M.S. in Real Estate Valuation from Virginia Commonwealth University. She is a member of the Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Business Real Estate Circle of Excellence and has earned the Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) designation in the real estate industry.

Holly is a lifelong Virginia resident who enjoys water sports and is a Red Cross Water Safety Instructor and an Advanced Open Water Scuba Instructor.

Lyman R. Brown

Business Unit Manager—Records & Owned Real Estate

Growing up in Cincinnati, Lyman R. Brown now serves as a Senior Transaction Manager. He has been with the division for over five years. In his position, Lyman actively manages the acquisition and disposition of real estate leasehold interests and fee interests on behalf of the State, as well as supervising two other individuals with similar responsibilities. Prior to joining the State, he worked in the residential mortgage and securities industries and served as an in-house corporate attorney. He earned a B.A. in Economics and Government from the College of William & Mary and earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Karl Saimre

Business Unit Manager—Leased Real Estate

Originally from Wilmington, Delaware, Karl Saimre has been a member of the DRES team since July 2010 and serves as a Senior Transaction Manager. Prior to joining DRES, Karl spent 2 years in residential real estate and 5 years with a commercial real estate firm in California focusing on commercial leasing, property management and new development. Karl holds an Operations Management degree from the University of Delaware, an MBA from the University of Hawaii and a Masters of International Management from Thunderbird Global School of Management.

Lynda Colgin Capehart

Lease Administrator

Since 2008, Lynda Capehart has served as a Lease Administrator for the division. In this position, Lynda manages a portfolio of 245 leases collecting, organizing, abstracting, processing payments, and maintaining rental and other pertinent information in the agency's real estate management system COVA Trax. Prior to coming to DRES, she worked for Circuit City Stores, Inc. where she served part of her tenure as a Property Administrator.

Denise Coover

Business Manager

Denise Coover has served as the Division's Business Manager for more than four years and heads up the Lease Administration Team. Prior to coming to DRES, Denise worked 18 years for Circuit City Stores, Inc., as the Manager of Property Management in the Real Estate Department. She has completed the Managing Virginia Program.

Melissa Desmond

Transaction Manager

Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, Melissa Desmond has been a Transaction Manager with DRES since October 2011. Prior to her tenure, Melissa served as a Real Estate Manager at the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). Working as the chief contact between VDH and DRES, Melissa brings customer agency experience to her position. A state employee since 2008, Melissa has 18 years of commercial real estate experience. She has an Associates Degree from the University of Cincinnati and her real estate license.

Karen Scott Field

Lease Administrator

Karen Scott Field has served as a Lease Administrator for DRES for more than two years. Prior to coming to DRES, she worked two years for CarMax Auto Superstores, Inc. as a Property Administrator and 15 years for Circuit City Stores, Inc., as the Assistant Property Manager. Karen has over 19 years experience in property management.



Mason Caperton Hood

Senior Transaction Manager

Originally from Charlottesville, Virginia, Mason Caperton Hood joined DGS in 1990. She graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University with an interdisciplinary degree in Urban Studies (Planning) and has worked in some aspect of the real estate industry since graduating. In her current position, Mason manages the real estate records for owned and leased property across the Commonwealth. Having seen the Commonwealth's approach to real estate transform to its current structure, Mason brings a great deal of knowledge and experience to DRES.

Hugh C. Hubinger

Transaction Manager

Hugh C. Hubinger, originally from Wilmington, Delaware, currently serves as a Transaction Manager for DRES. He has been in this position for almost five years. Hugh has 15 years experience in commercial and business lending and holds a B.A. from the University of Richmond.

Jeannie Minyard

Transaction Manager

Born in Ruston, Louisiana and raised in Dallas, Texas, Jeannie joined the DRES team as a Transaction Manager in 2014. She previously served in Commercial Development at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport assisting with the real estate development of over 4,000 acres planned for retail, restaurant, office, industrial and hospitality development outside the central terminal area. Prior to her role at DFW Airport, Jeannie worked with the management and marketing/leasing groups at Holt Lunsford Commercial, a North Dallas commercial real estate service and investment company. Jeannie also has 11 years experience with Citi Financial managing a portfolio of REO assets. Jeannie holds a Bachelor's of Business Administration degree in Real Estate from the University of North Texas.

Sarah M. Murman

Transaction Manager

Serving as a Transaction Manager for DRES for five years, Sarah Murman has more than 27 years of real estate experience. Before coming to DRES, she served as a Property Manager and a Realtor. She has her B.S. from Virginia Commonwealth University and her Associates Degree from J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. She also earned a designation as a Real Property Administrator "RPA" from the Building Owners Management Institute (BOMI) organization.

Michael C. Nolan

Transaction Manager

Mike Nolan joined DRES after a rewarding and diverse stint in the fast paced world of New Jersey land development and real estate and is licensed in Real Estate, Land Surveying and Planning. He brings over 30 years experience in land development, construction; acquisition, conveyance and leasing; site planning design; and land use/zoning review and approvals and has expertise in land title and use rights including various forms of ownership, easements, grants, licenses, encumbrances, use restrictions and zoning rights. Previously Mike was a Partner in an Engineering & Architecture firm, served as Chairman of his local Zoning Board of Adjustment and worked for a commercial Real Estate broker.

Melissa Sampery

Transaction Manager

Melissa Sampery joined DRES in October 2012 and now serves as a Transaction Manager. Melissa is a lifelong Virginia resident who has dedicated her education and career to real estate. Melissa holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business with a concentration in Real Estate and Urban Land Development from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). Currently, she is pursuing a Master of Science degree in Real Estate Valuation from VCU's Graduate School of Business. Melissa is a licensed real estate agent since 2007, with experience in new home sales and commercial retail and office leasing.

Sara Snelson

Database Manager

Sara Snelson, born and raised in Pennsylvania but a long-time resident of Richmond since the '80s, joined the Division in 2010 and comes from the non-government sector with long-term experience in the real estate industry. Having worked in various real estate related positions, she gained valuable skills and knowledge which she now applies in her role as the COVA Trax Database Manager and IT Liaison for the DRES team.

Seletra Sutherland

Transaction Manager

Seletra Sutherland joined DRES in September 2015 after an exciting career in the private sector real estate industry. As a licensed real estate Broker, she brings over 10 years' experience in commercial and residential acquisitions, sales, property management and leasing. She owned and operated a real estate firm that specialized in assisting with the development of commercial mixed-use historic renovation properties. Seletra holds a B.A. degree from the University of Maryland, College Park. Currently she is pursuing a Master of Public Administration degree from VCU's Graduate School of Government and Public Affairs. Seletra brings a customer centered approach to her role as a Transaction Manager with DGS.

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